

United States Embassy Dakar, Senegal
Message for U.S. Citizens
Ebola Virus Disease Update: New Screening Procedures at U.S. airports and
Senegal Declared Ebola-Free.

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This is an update to the notice of August 28, 2014 regarding Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in West Africa.

On October 21 the U.S. [Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\) announced](#) that travelers coming to the United States who have traveled through or whose flight originated from Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia must enter the country through one of five airports that have instituted additional screening passengers and protective measures. These five international airports are JFK in New York, Newark, Dulles in Washington DC, O'Hare in Chicago, and Hartsfield-Jackson Airport in Atlanta. There are no direct flights from any of these three countries to the United States. The new requirement means all travelers flying out of Liberia, Sierra Leone or Guinea who were not originally scheduled to pass through one of those five airports must rebook flights to ensure they arrive in the United States at one of those airports. Contact your airline directly for further information and guidance.

Additionally, DHS has instituted measures to identify and screen travelers arriving at all land, sea and air ports of entry who visited Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia within the preceding 21 days.

You can find more information about the potential implications for travel because of EVD in parts of West Africa on the website of the U.S. Department of State:

<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings/ebola-west-africa.html>

On August 29, Senegal had confirmed one imported case of EVD. On October 17, the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) declared the outbreak of EVD in Senegal was over and commended Senegal on its diligence to end transmission of the virus.

On September 3, Senegalese civil aviation authorities instituted new travel restrictions that may affect travelers within the region. In particular, travelers departing Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone will be denied entry into Senegal unless they spend 40 days in another country prior to arrival in Senegal. Travelers visiting these countries and transiting through Casablanca or Europe may be questioned at

the airport and denied entry into Senegal at the immigration official's discretion. Travelers should monitor airlines to reconfirm reservations in advance of travel to the airport and be aware of alternate airlines that service their destination.

To obtain CDC travel notices, call the CDC at 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636) from within the United States, or 1-404-639-3534 from overseas, or visit the [CDC website](#). For more information on EVD, please visit the [CDC website](#).

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We strongly recommend U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Senegal or Guinea-Bissau enroll in the Department of State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). STEP enrollment gives the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

In addition, if you wish to participate in the optional SMS/text messaging program to receive security notices via text message, please send an email to DakarACS@state.gov for additional information.

Regularly monitor the State Department's [website](#), where you can find current [Travel Warnings](#), [Travel Alerts](#), and the [Worldwide Caution](#). Read the [Country Specific Information](#) for Senegal and neighboring countries. For additional information, refer to the [Traveler's Checklist](#) on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is located on Route des Almadies and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is +221 33 879 4444.